Kahalgaon super thermal power station

909. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station in Bihar has been sanctioned to be taken up in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what is the expenditure contemplated for the same and what is the budget allotment for 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(c) whether the 1980 agreement between India and Russia contains any clause which will affect the construction of this thermal Power Station, if so, in what manner and what has been the progress since then; and

(d) by when the first power unit is expected to start production and by wheu the whole project will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project (4x210MW) was approved in July, 1985, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1058.64 crores. There is an allocation of Rs. 63.16 crores for the project in the current year; budget allotments for 1988-89 and 1989-90 have not yet been made.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The first unit of the project is expected to be commissioned in 1990-91 and subsequent units at intervals of six months each thereafter.

Uniform power-tariff

910. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a uniform tariff for all the Central powerstations including Nuclear, Hydro and thermal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any committee has been constituted to examine the possibility of having a uniform tariff; and

(d) what are the details of the committee and by when the committee will submit its report and further action will be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) A Committee has been constituted:—

(i) To examine the practicability of evolving a uniform tariff which can be extended to all Central sector generation projects (thermal, hydro, nuclear, gas-based, and lignite) and transmission facilities for the country as a whole;

(ii) To recommend the modalities and the basis for fixation of a uniform tariff by the power generation organisations in the Central Sector; and

(iii) To suggest changes, if any, in the present arrangement for allocation of power from Central power stations, in the context of a uniform tariff.

Performance of power projects

911. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the comparative position of P.L.F. of the power houses of various State Electricity Boards and of the Central projects during the last six months;

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to improve the functioning of these power houses and what are the measures for the present performance; and

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration for allowing private sector to generate power for distribution by State agency to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A statement showing the Plant Load Factor of Power